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COUNTRY USSR (Latvian SSR)

REPORT

SUBJECT Photographs of Riga and Ventspils and Vessels Sighted in These Ports

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Attachment No. 1 -- Two pages of information on vessels and security measures at Ventspils; submarine [] and escort vessels [] were observed in the harbor. Three photographs of the harbor and one escort vessel are included. []

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Attachment No. 2 -- Two pages of information and nine photographs of Riga; a submarine and destroyer were observed in the harbor. []

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Russian Warships at VENTSPILS.

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1. Photographs numbers 1 and 2 [redacted]
[redacted] show an oiler at which small naval craft
were seen to oil.

2. Photograph number 3 is of a small escort vessel entering VENTSPILS

[redacted] A number of these vessels were observed in the
harbour [redacted]

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[redacted] Each vessel had one approximately 3 inch
gun mounted forward, about 6 oerlikon guns and 4 multiple Pom Pom machine
guns disposed round the bridge and stern.

3. One submarine, [redacted] was seen oiling alongside a parent
ship. No other details could be obtained.

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4. One minesweeper was seen [redacted] proceeding seawards.

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VENTSPILS Harbour; proceeding seawards.

Entering VENTSPILS Harbour.

Good visibility.

Restricted due to presence of pilot.

One funnel well aft.

Approx. 230 ft.

One tripod abaft bridge and well forward of funnel.

Break directly under bridge.

Twin turrets forward and aft, approx. 3 inch.

N.K.

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Flying Russian naval ensign.

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5. [REDACTED] 25X1
Several small minesweepers [REDACTED] were
seen in the port. No other details were obtained.

6. [REDACTED] 25X1
there has been trouble
with naval vessels entering the harbour due to the Harbour silting up
at the bar. [REDACTED] observed a dredger at the bar working day and night.

7. [REDACTED] 25X1
the high look-out towers are again occupied
day and night and the usual searchlight examination at night has become
blinding. [REDACTED] the guards and look-outs have [REDACTED] become
very alert. 25X1

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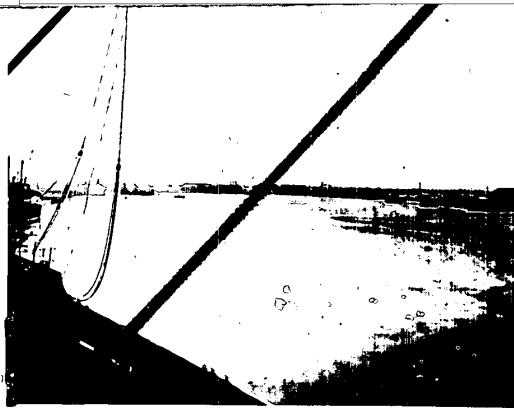
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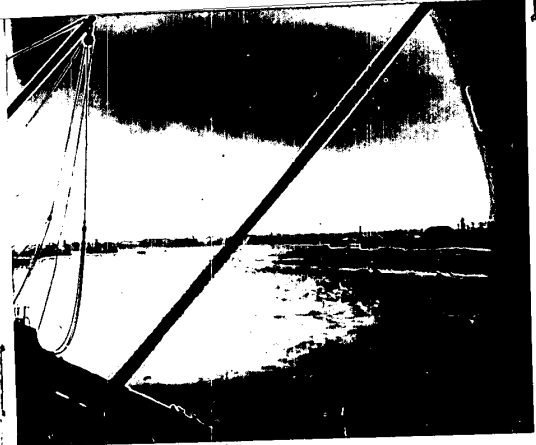
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57 24 N 21 31 E SMALL ESCORT VESSEL

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FOR REFUELING SMALL NAVAL SHIPS

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Naval

Russian Warships at RIGA.

1. [redacted] a Russian submarine and an escort vessel were sighted in the approaches to RIGA Harbour.

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(See photographs 1 - 4)

2.

Approaches to RIGA Harbour.

" " " "

Good visibility.

Perfect freedom.

One squat funnel.

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Approx. 190 ft.

One pole mast arising from bridge

Flush deck.

One approx. 3" gun forward.

6 Oerlikon and 4 Multiple Pom Pom Machine Guns.

N.K.

Russian naval ensign.

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3.

N.K.

Enclosed streamlined conning tower.

2 small guns forward of bridge.

None

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Flush hull, Approx. 200 ft. long Conning tower nearly amidships.

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Photographs 5 - 7, 8 and 9 are panoramic views of the approaches
to RIGA [] and show one Bird
class Russian destroyer berthed in the inner harbour and a number of
Motor Torpedo Boats on the beach.

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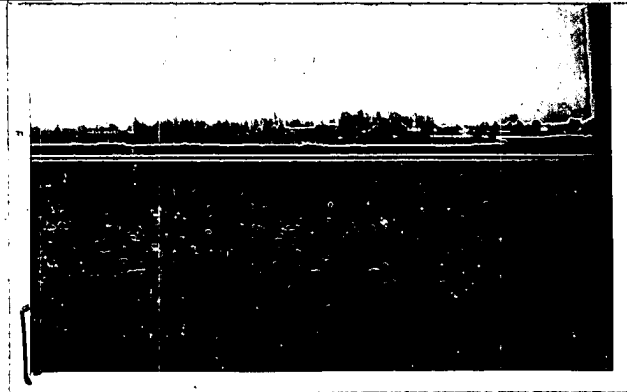
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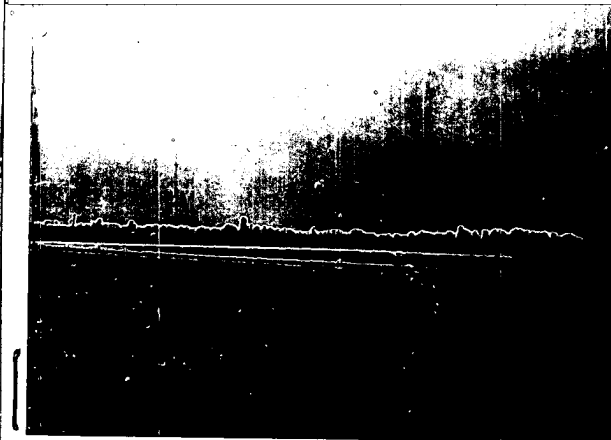
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24 09 E ENTRANCE TO DVINA RIVER.
BIRD CLASS DESTROYER IN INNER HARBOR.
MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS ON BEACH. PART 3
OF 3-PART PANORAMA.



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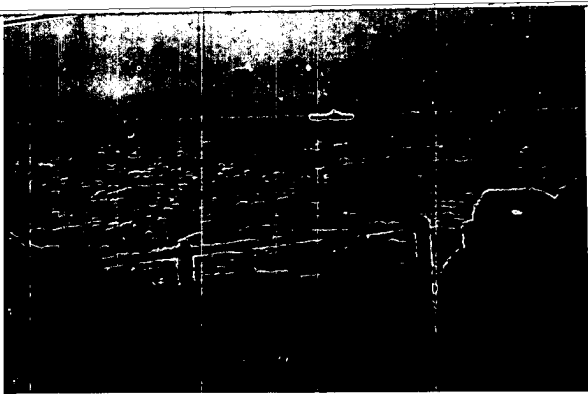


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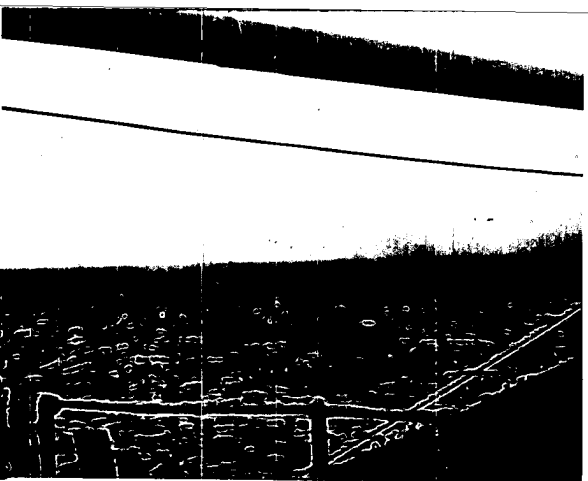
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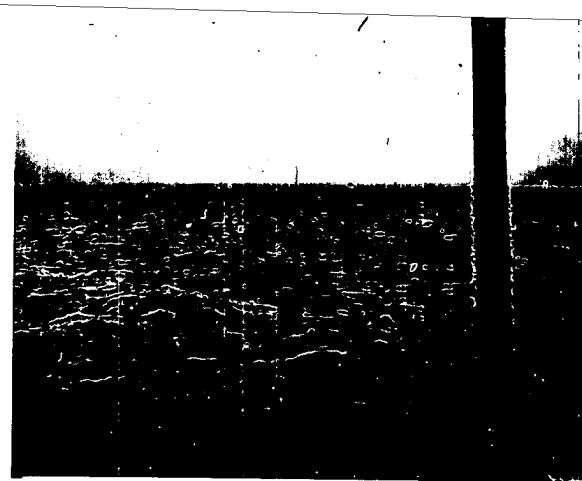
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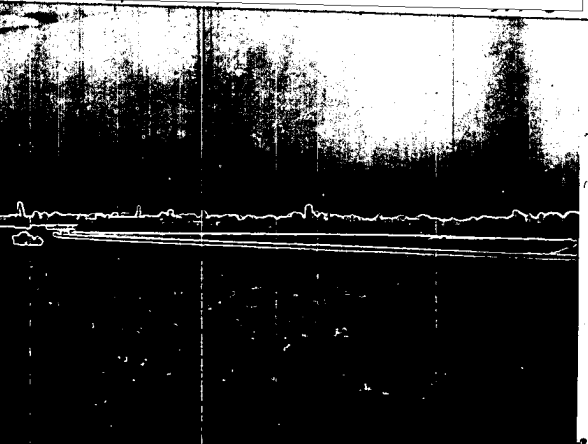
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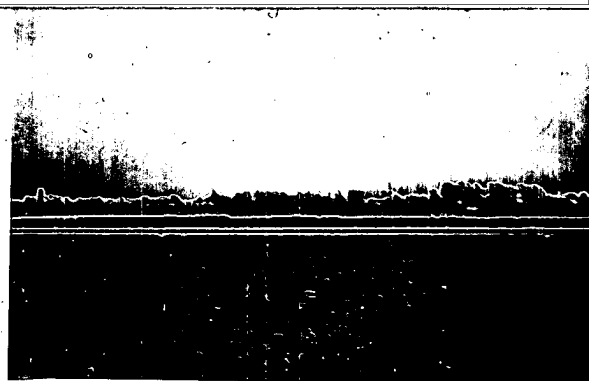
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BIRD CLASS DESTROYER IN INNER HARBOR.
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